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## Public Notification

January 2, 2018

### ***Sewage Overflow***

In compliance with the Maryland Department of the Environment's Procedures for Public Notification of Sewage Spills, Overflows or Release, the Howard County Health Department in cooperation with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities reports the following:

CONDITION:	Sewage Overflow
WHERE:	Behind 8205 Washington Boulevard Jessup, MD 20794
WHAT:	Approximately 10,000 gallon discharge
WHEN:	Notification Date: December 28, 2017

### ***Pre-Cautionary HEALTH ALERT***

As a result of an apparent grease blockage, a portion of a nearby stream was impacted from a sewage overflow at manhole # 676-8754 first reported about 12:00pm today, and relieved by 2:00pm after the arrival of Utility staff. Clear liquid was observed overflowing from the manhole and running into a Dorsey Run stream nearby. Though fairly inaccessible, the public is reminded to avoid contact with these types of affected areas.

### ***Sanitation Measures***

Bureau of Utilities has cleared the blockage of an 8' main from manhole 487-32 to manhole 676-8755 and the overflow was stopped. Staff spread lime in the area and signage has been posted. The Pre-treatment Group will investigate grease producers in the area. Maryland Department of the Environment will be notified of the occurrence and subsequent response actions. Health Department staff will visit the site to confirm signage and to evaluate any possible additional actions.

For general information regarding the circumstances surrounding the overflow, contact:  
BUREAU OF UTILITIES at 410-313-4900.